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Examiner's first report on patent application no. 97241/01
by DEPUY PRODUCTS, INC

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am replying to the request for normal examination. I have examined the application and I believe that there are lawful grounds of objection to the application. These grounds of objection are:

1. There is no Notice of Entitlement on file. You will need to file one because an application without a Notice of Entitlement cannot be accepted.
2. Each of the claims 1, 11, 18 and 25 is not clear because it attempts to define the invention by the desired result to be achieved. See the words "surface features being positioned to optimally transfer load".
3. Claims 1, 8, 11, 18 and 25 at least are not novel/inventive when compared to each of the following documents cited against corresponding foreign applications.

US 3894297
US 4865608
~~EP 965312~~
~~US 4031571~~
~~EP 1699763~~

You have 21 months from the date of this report to overcome all my objection(s) otherwise your application will lapse. You will need to pay a monthly fee for any response you file after 12 months from the date of this report.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. SWAYAM CHINTAMANI
Examiner of Patents, Section B4
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Serial No. 10/670,092 Docket No. DEP 65260N By: JSW
Application of: John Serbouysek et al Mailed: December 22, 2004
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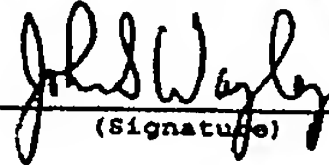
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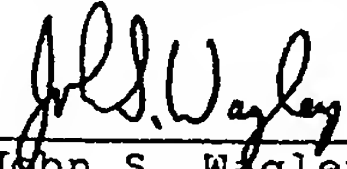
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